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The Honorable George B. Daniels
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

Re: *United States v. Cesar Arias et al.*, 20 Cr. 139 (GBD)

Dear Judge Daniels:

The above-captioned case was recently assigned to the Court's docket. The Court has set an initial conference for March 5, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. In advance of the March 5 conference, the Government respectfully moves, with the consent of defense counsel, that the Court exclude time through the next-scheduled conference under the Speedy Trial Act. Such an exclusion would be in the interests of justice as it would allow the parties time to continue discussions concerning a pretrial disposition of this matter and the Government time to prepare discovery. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A).

Respectfully submitted,

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